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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was no better than steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to moderate, best for retail ads, food service was moderate to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were sufficient with boneless skinless more available. Wings were adequate to ample, and dark meat was balanced, instances close for leg quarters. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/10/03-02/15/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	53.00-57.00	54.44	16	56.86
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.41	41	57.79
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	60.45
Denver	67.50	67.44	17	66.14
Detroit	55.00-56.00	56.38	13	56.13
Los Angeles	68.00	66.68	62	66.74
New York	53.00-56.00	54.74	23	57.33
Philadelphia	53.00-56.00	54.30	10	55.43
Pittsburgh	54.00-56.00	54.90	10	60.20
St. Louis	55.00-55.25	54.75	20	55.28
San Francisco	68.50	67.64	29	70.92

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	02/10/03	Change/Last Wk	02/03/03	02/11/02
538	60.86	0.37	60.49	56.11

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-60.00	58.72	32
Central	56.00-62.00	59.94	65
West	59.00-66.00	63.81	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.00	62.65	83
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,114	53.00-65.00	61.59

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	168.50	1,418
BREASTS - B/S	152.00	5,238
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,198
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00	886
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	9,676
WINGS	72.50	3,507

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light to fair as dealers assumed a cautious and selective posture entering the week. Offerings of the 2.5 pound birds were readily available with spot discounting occasionally noted and the larger sizes were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate, however, bone-in breasts were noted as adequate to better balanced. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient and wings were readily available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate with retail ads and fast food strongest. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items and wings were at least adequate or available, and dark meat was in good balance with improved interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's levels. Trading for this week's deliveries reported at unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to higher on new negotiations. Offerings were readily available on heavy weight product and smaller sized product was confidently held and in fairly good balance with current needs. Retailer demand for whole body was fair and fairly good for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for delivery this week: drumstick 8/5s low 30s and bulk 25-27, leg quarters 4/10s mainly 23.5 and bulk 21-23.5, bone-in breast 91-102 and boneless 130-144. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .30 to 61.70 with the volume reported down 7 percent at 28 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices unchanged from last Monday's finals. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offers were in balance with trade interest. Movement into all channels was irregular; generally slow to moderate into retail, mostly moderate to fairly good into food service. Best interest for retail features and fast food promotions. Floor stocks were kept in close balance. Weights desirable. Trading on parts was best for dark meat cuts and light to fair on remaining parts. Supplies of wings fully available, breast items varied with leg quarters balanced. The market tone was barely steady to weak on boneless/skinless breasts and wings, and steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair entering the week with interest centering on regular commitments. Seller offerings ranged adequate to ample for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate. Breast items, and wings were readily available and slow to clear at some points. Leg items were more than sufficient.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	48-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.31
NO. OF BOXES	9,456

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were available. However, bone-in breasts ranged balanced to adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient and wings were fully adequate. Retail and distributive draw was lackluster. The market tone was barely steady to weak on boneless-skinless breasts and wings, and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	CURRENT	WTD	AVG	VOLUME	LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145		136.37			478,480	
TENDERLOINS	110-115		109.19			119,860	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84		91.46			117,520	
BREAST - LINE RUN	83		85.90			118,040	
LEGS	31-32		29.58			351,000	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21		20.98			344,584	
DRUMSTICKS	23-24		28.94			91,055	
THIGHS	21-22		30.26			48,763	
B/S THIGHS	62-63		67.96			82,020	
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69		73.55			192,080	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.24			35,160	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		29.56			17,840	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50		48.56			17,080	

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,056	127.00-150.00	133-134	134.87
TENDERLOINS	748	101.00-171.00	133-135	132.64
BREAST - WITH RIBS	352	78.00-99.00	82-85	84.14
FRONT HALVES	219	62.00-79.00	67-70	68.83
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,165	17.00-18.00	17	17.04
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,513	18.00-19.00	-	18.32
WINGS (WHOLE)	162	61.00-78.00	-	64.46
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,730	15.00-17.00	16-17	16.17

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/10	02/06	02/06	02/03	01/30
ALA	3,985	3,747	4.98	3,963	5.16
ARK	5,179	4,939	4.82	5,061	4.76
DELMARVA	2,342	1,957	4.97	2,259	5.03
KY-LA-TN	1,868	1,786	4.96	1,881	5.02
MISS	2,934	2,803	5.37	2,889	5.32
NC	2,602	2,545	5.89	2,593	6.07
TEXAS	2,472	2,403	4.90	2,316	4.80
TOTAL	21,382	20,180	5.10	20,962	5.16
MON	21,382(A)		20,962(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Feb 2003 is estimated to be 31,990,000 up 1.70 percent from a week ago and up 0.68 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,456,000 last year 31,774,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
BREAST - B/S	915	120.00-236.00	125-130	126.82	
TENDERLOINS	141	115.00-172.00	-	128.87	
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	86.00-89.00	86-87	87.02	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
LEGS	92	21.00-33.00	22-23	24.64	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	632	16.50-19.00	17	17.65	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,036	19.00-26.00	19.5-21	20.62	
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	63.00-74.00	-	72.55	
WINGS (CUT)	410	81.00-88.00	84-86	84.45	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR FEB 10, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	AVERAGE
44.25 - 48.00	47.10	46.06

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF FEB-10-03 - FEB-14-03 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 150.00	141.00 - 144.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	84.00 - 99.00	85.00 - 91.00
LEGS	26.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 22.00	19.00 - 21.00
DRUMSTICKS	21.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	18.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	54.00 - 80.00	71.00 - 73.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

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DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	66

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-103
ICE PACK	95-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104-105
ICE PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	91-98
ICE PACK	152-166
DUCKS	

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

07-FEB-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-17.00	13.00-14.00	1,168,000	584,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.77	13.83		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.50	11.00-14.50	1,112,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	12.50	12.60		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

07-FEB-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	142,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.50	12.92		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-13.75	10.00-12.00	1,713,600	612,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.11	10.92		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	10.00-11.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		10.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the generally sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 10-FEB-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	8-8.5	8.07
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-FEB-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.25-11	7.25-8.5	8.39

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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